

**Holy Rood Churchyard (and Extension),  
Wool, Dorset, England**

**War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**5028 PRIVATE**

**E. S. HAYES**

**16TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**5TH NOVEMBER, 1916**

*The Lord Gave*

*And The Lord*

*Hath Taken Away*

## Edward Sidney (Ted/Sunny) HAYES

Edward Sidney Hayes was born in London, England on 8th July, 1892 to parents Edward Thomas and Sarah Mullett Hayes (nee Nunn). Edward Sydney Hayes was baptised on 31st July, 1892 in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Bermondsey, Southwark, London, England. The family lived at 71 Drummond Road & Edward Thomas Hayes was listed as a Compositor.

The Hayes family were listed as passengers on *Ormuz* what had departed for the port of London, England on 17th September, 1897 & was destined for Albany, Western Australia. The family consisted of Mr Edward Thomas Hayes (aged 41), Mrs Sarah Mullett Hayes (aged 45) & their children Florence Magdalen Hayes (aged 8), Edward Sydney Hayes (aged 4) & Graham F. Hayes (aged 1).

Edward Sidney Hayes attended Claremont Central School, Western Australia.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Fremantle, subdivision of Claremont, Western Australia listed Edward Sidney Hayes, Cabinetmaker, of Evelyn Road, Claremont. His parents – Edward Thomas Hayes, Printer's reader & Sarah Mullett Hayes were also listed at Evelyn Road, Claremont.

Edward Sydney (*as listed on Embarkation Roll*) Hayes was a 23 year old, single, Cabinet-maker from Evelyn Street, Claremont, Western Australia when he enlisted on 28th December, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5028 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr E. Hayes of Evelyn Street, Claremont, Western Australia.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes was posted to 39 Depot on 28th December, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to "A" Company, No. 5 Depot on 6th January, 1916.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes was sent to 22 Depot – N.C.O. School on 17th January, 1916. He was promoted to Sergeant on 3rd March, 1916 with "A" Company, No. 7 Depot Battalion. Sergeant Hayes was transferred to 16th Reinforcements of 16th Battalion on 13th March, 1916.

Private (*rank as per Embarkation Roll*) Edward Sidney Hayes embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Shropshire* (A9) on 31st March, 1916 with the 16th Infantry Battalion, 16th Reinforcements.

Sergeant Edward Sidney Hayes was marched in to 4th Training Battalion on 24th April, 1916.

Sergeant Edward Sidney Hayes joined 16th Battalion on 28th May, 1916 at Serapeum & reverted to rank of Private.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 1st June, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 9th June, 1916.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes was admitted to 4th Australian Field Ambulance on 2nd August, 1916 with Influenza. He was transferred to Divisional Rest Station the same day.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes was admitted to 1st Australian Field Ambulance on 2nd August, 1916 (*date as per Casualty Form – Active Service – possibly should be 3rd or 4th August*) then transferred to Casualty Clearing Station at Amiens on 5th August, 1916. He was admitted to New Zealand Stationary Hospital on 5th August, 1916. Private Hayes was discharged to duty on 28th August, 1916.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes was admitted to 12th Field Ambulance on 30th August, 1916 with Rheumatism then transferred to Casualty Clearing Station. He was admitted to St. John's Ambulance at Etaples, France on 31st August, 1916 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined). Private Hayes was reported with Debility after Influenza on 7th September, 1916. He embarked for England from Calais, France on Hospital Ship *Dieppe* on 7th September, 1916.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes was admitted to Military Hospital at Chatham on 7th September, 1916 with Debility. He was discharged to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 23rd September, 1916.

## 16th Battalion

In June 1916 they sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bloody trench warfare. Its first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley, where Private Martin O'Meara won the battalion's first Victoria Cross.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire. Convalescent Camps were also located in Wiltshire and Dorset.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes was granted furlough from 25th September, 1916 & was to report back to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire. He reported back to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 11th October, 1916 & was medically classified as B1 A.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes was marched out to No. 3 Command Depot, Bovington "D" Camp at Wool, Dorset on 13th October, 1916 from No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes died on 5th November, 1916 at Bovington Military Hospital, Dorset, England from (suspected Cerebral Spinal Meningitis) Cerebral Tumour.

A death for Edwin S. Hayes, aged 24, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Wareham, Dorset, England.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes was buried on 7th November, 1916 in Holy Rood Churchyard and Extension, Wool, Dorset, England and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes requested in his Will, dated 15th March, 1916 that all his real and personal estate be bequeathed to his mother – Sarah Mullet Hayes, of Evelyn Road, Claremont, Western Australia. Sarah Mullet Hayes was also appointed Executrix of the Will.

Private Edward Sidney Hayes was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Hayes' father – Mr E. T. Hayes, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent April, 1922).

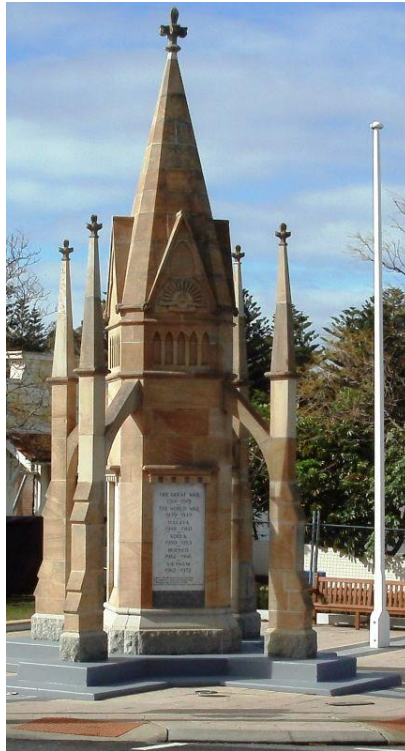
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Edward Sidney Hayes – service number 5028, of 16th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Edward Thomas and Sarah Mullett Hayes, of Evelyn Rd., Claremont, Western Australia. Born in London, England.

Private E. S. Hayes is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 79.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

The Claremont War Memorial, Western Australia does not list individual names.



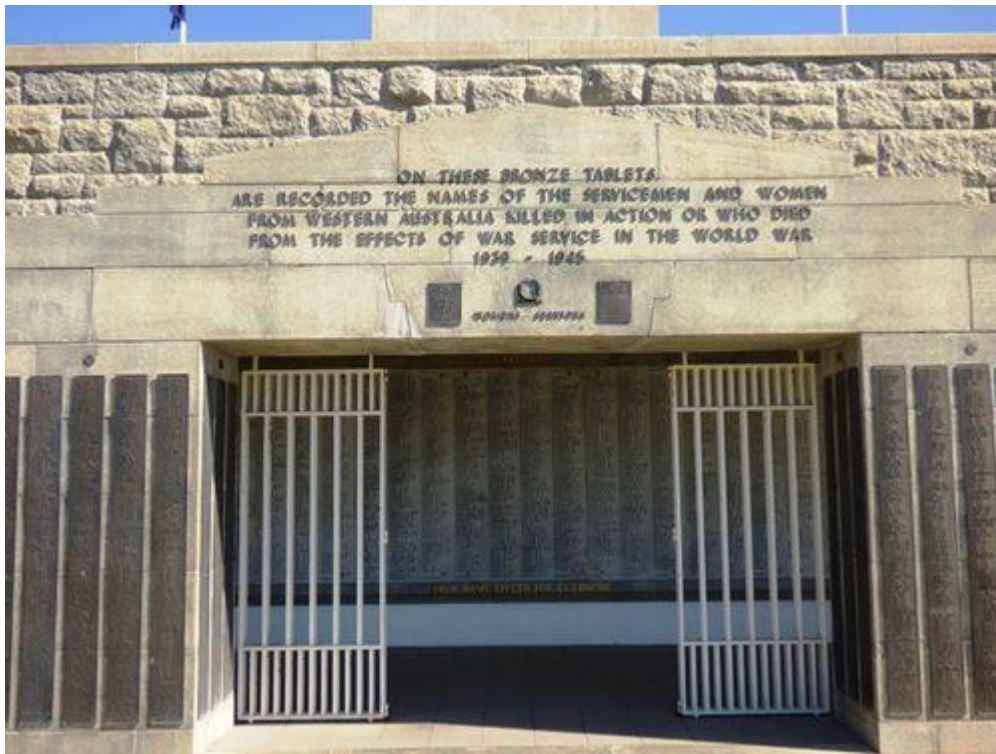
**Claremont War Memorial** (Photo from *Monument Australia* – Bryan Hardy)

E. S. Hayes is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



**Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park**



The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names

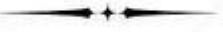
(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)



16th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

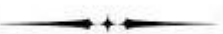
(51 pages of Private Edward Sidney Hayes' Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives*



**Connected to Private Edward Sidney Hayes:**

Younger brother – Private Graham Frederick Hayes, 3535, 51st Battalion. Killed in action between 14th & 16th August, 1916. Remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.



**Graham Frederick Hayes & Edward Sydney Hayes**

*(Photo from Australia's Fighting Sons of The Empire. Portraits and Biographies of Australians in the Great War)*

Extract from *Australia's Fighting Sons of The Empire. Portraits and Biographies of Australians in the Great War* – relating to above photo:

*These two soldiers are sons of Edward and Sarah Hayes, of Evelyn-road, Claremont.*

**Private GRAHAM FREDERICK HAYES**

*Private Graham Frederick Hayes (3535) was born at Folkestone (England), and educated at Claremont. He enlisted at Perth in September, 1915, and went into Blackboy, Claremont and Belmont Camps for training. He sailed for Egypt on the 15th January, 1916, with the 8/28th Battalion, per the s.s. Borda, and arrived in February, 1916. He went to Heliopolis first and then to Tel-el-Kebir. Here he was transferred to the 51st Battalion on the first line of defence, Suez Canal. He left for France on the 6th June, 1916, and went into action through Pozieres, Fleurs-Baix and Pozieres (2nd), and was killed here on the 14th August, 1916. Prior to enlistment he was at Foy and Gibson's, Perth.*

**Private EDWARD SYDNEY HAYES**

*Private Edward Sydney Hayes (5028) was born at London and educated at Claremont. He enlisted at Perth in December, 1915, and went into Blackboy Camp, where he was attached to the 16th Battalion. He was rejected twice previously. He went through N.C.O.'s School and passed as Sergeant, and was then sent to Bunbury. He left on the 31st March, 1916, per s.s. Shropshire, arriving in Egypt on the 22nd April, 1916 and proceeding to Heliopolis and Tel-el-Kebir. He left for France on the 9th June, 1916, and went into action until August, 1916, when he was taken ill and sent to Hospital in France, then to Etaples, and later to England. He was found unfit for military service, and sent to Bovington Military Hospital, where he died of illness on the 5th November, 1916. He was buried at Wool Cemetery, near Bovington. Prior to his enlistment he was cabinet-making at Bon Marche, Perth.*



**Newspaper Notices**

**DEATHS**

HAYES – Edward Sidney (Ted), died on November 5, 1916, at Bovington Military Hospital, dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs E. T. Hayes, of Evelyn-road, Claremont, aged 24 years (brother of Graham Frederick, killed in action in France, on August 14).

Had He ask'd us, well we know

We should cry, "O spare this blow!"

Yes, with streaming tears should pray, "Lord, we love him, let him stay."

But the Lord doth nought amiss

And, since He hath order'd this,

We have nought to do but still

Rest in silence on His will.

HAYES – On November 5, 1916, at Bovington Military Hospital, England, Private Edward Sidney Hayes (Ted), dearly-beloved friend of Dorothy M. Peters, Wellington-st., W. Northam, W.A., aged 24 years.

So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

*(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 17 November, 1916)*

## **THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

### **243rd CASUALTY LIST**

#### **DIED OF ILLNESS**

E. S. Hayes (Claremont)

(*Western Mail*, Perth, Western Australia – 24 November, 1916)

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## **BEREAVEMENT NOTICES**

Miss D. M. Peters, A.T.C.L., A.L.C.M., of West Northam, wishes to THANK all kind friends for telegrams, letters and cards of sympathy, received during her sad bereavement, in the loss of her dear friend, Edward Sidney Hayes, who died at Bovington Military Hospital, on November 5, 1916.

(*The West Australian*, Perth, Western Australia – 9 December, 1916)

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Anzac Heroes**

HAYES – In loving memory of Edward Sidney, of the 16th Battalion, Lewis Machine Gun Section, who died in Bovington Military Hospital, England, on November 5, 1916, after service in France, elder brother of Graham Frederick, killed in action at Pozieres on August 14, 1916, aged 24 years.

What, though, in lonely grief I sigh,  
For sons beloved, no longer night.  
Oh, teach me from my heart to say,  
“Thy will be done.”

Inserted by his parents, brothers and sisters, Claremont.

HAYES – In fond remembrance of my dear friend, Private Edward Sidney Hayes (Ted), who passed away at Bovington Military Hospital, England, on November 5, 1916, after service in France, aged 24 years.

Father, in Thy gracious keeping,  
Leave we now our loved one sleeping

-Inserted by his sincere friend Dorothy M. Peters, Wellington-street, West Northam.

HAYES – A loving tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Private Edward Sidney Hayes (Ted), who passed away at Bovington Military Hospital, England, on November 5, 1916, after service in France, aged 24 years.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs G. Peters and Albert; also Private Keith Illingworth (on active service).

(*The West Australian*, Perth, Western Australia – 5 November, 1917)

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Anzac Heroes**

HAYES – In loving memory of Edward Sidney, who died at Bovington Military Hospital, England, on November 5, 1916, after service in France; also his brother of Graham Frederick, killed in action at Pozieres, August 14, 1916.

What, though, in lonely grief I sigh,  
For sons beloved, no longer night.  
Oh, teach me from my heart to say,  
“Thy will be done.”

Inserted by his parents, brothers and sisters, Claremont.

HAYES – In sad but loving memory of our dear friend, Edward Sidney Hayes, who passed away at Bovington Military Hospital (England), on November 5, 1916, after service in France.

Ever remembered.

Inserted by his sincere friend Dorothy Peters; also Mr and Mrs G. Peters and Albert, 48 Subiaco-rd., Subiaco.

*(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 5 November, 1918)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Anzac Heroes**

HAYES – In loving memory of Edward Sidney (Ted), who died at Bovington Military Hospital (after service in France), on November 5, 1916, late of the 16th Battalion, M.G.S., buried at Wool, Dorset, England; brother of Graham Frederick, killed at Pozieres, August 14, 1916.

Teach us from our heart to say “Thy Will be done.”

HAYES – In loving memory of our dear friend, Private Edward Sidney Hayes, who passed away at Bovington Military Hospital, England, on November 5, 1916, after service in France.

Ever remembered.

Inserted by his sincere friend Dorothy, also Mr and Mrs Peters and Albert, 48 Subiaco-rd., Subiaco.

*(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 5 November, 1919)*

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### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

*(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)*

Private E. S. Hayes does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*The Lord Gave And The Lord Hath Taken Away*

## Holy Rood Churchyard and Extension, Wool, Dorset, England

Holy Rood Churchyard, Wool has 45 Commonwealth War Graves – 22 from World War 1 & 23 from World War 2.



**Holy Rood Church, Wool** (Photo by GraveConcerns – Find a Grave)



(Photo from CWGC)



**Holy Rood Churchyard, Wool** (Photo by GraveConcerns – Find a Grave)



**Private E. S. Hayes' Headstone marked with red arrow** (Photo by GraveConcerns – Find a Grave)

Photo of Private E. S. Hayes's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Holy Rood Churchyard and Extension, Wool, Dorset, England.



*(Photo by GraveConcerns – Find a Grave)*